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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

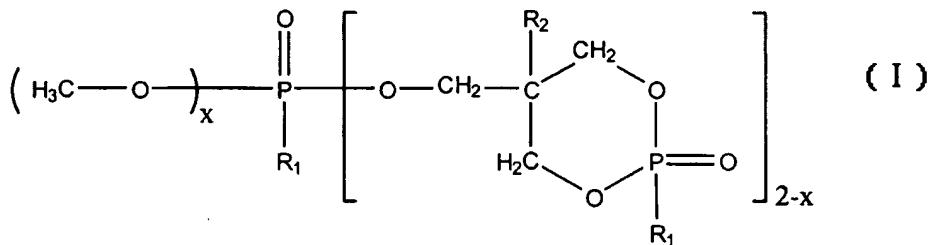
LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (original). A flame retardant styrenic resin composition comprising:

(A) 70 to 99.5 parts by weight of a rubber-modified polystyrene resin; and

(B) 0.5 to 20 parts by weight of a ring-shaped alkyl phosphonic acid ester

compound represented by the following formula (I):



wherein R₁ and R₂ are independently of each other C₁-C₄ alkyl and x is 0 or 1.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (currently amended). The flame retardant styrenic resin composition as defined in claim 1, further comprising less than up to 10 parts by weight of a polyphenylene ether (C).

Claim 4 (original). The flame retardant styrenic resin composition as defined in claim 3, wherein said polyphenylene ether (C) is poly(2,6-dimethyl-1,4-phenylene)ether.

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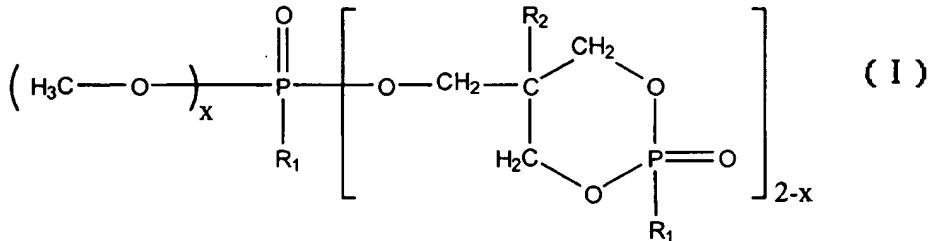
Claim 5 (original). The flame retardant styrenic resin composition as defined in claim 1, which further comprises up to 50 parts by weight of an additive selected from the group consisting of plasticizers, heat stabilizers, anti-oxidants, light stabilizers, compatibilizers, pigment, dye and/or inorganic filler per 100 parts by weight of rubber modified styrenic resin (A).

Claim 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (new). A flame retardant styrenic resin composition comprising:

(A) 70 to 99.5 parts by weight of a rubber-modified polystyrene resin; and
(B) 0.5 to 6 parts by weight of a ring-shaped alkyl phosphonic acid ester compound represented by the following formula (I):



wherein R₁ and R₂ are independently of each other C₁-C₄ alkyl and x is 0 or 1.

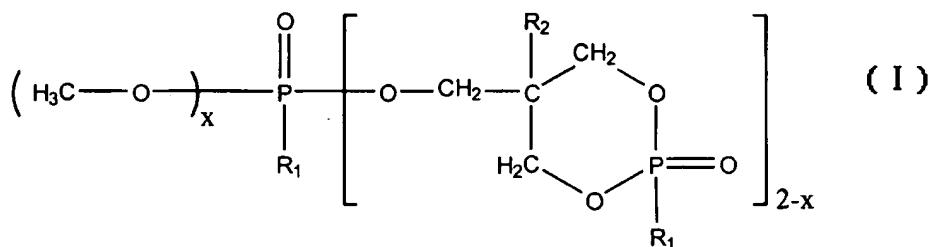
Claim 9 (new). A flame retardant styrenic resin composition comprising:

(A) 70 to 99.5 parts by weight of a rubber-modified polystyrene resin; and
(B) 0.5 to 2 parts by weight of a ring-shaped alkyl phosphonic acid ester compound represented by the following formula (I):

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wherein R₁ and R₂ are independently of each other C₁-C₄ alkyl and x is 0 or 1.

Claim 10 (new). A flame retardant styrenic resin composition comprising:

- (A) 70 to 99.5 parts by weight of a rubber-modified polystyrene resin; and
- (B) 0.5 to 20 parts by weight of methyl-bis (5-ethyl-2-methyl-1,3,2-dioxaphorinan-5yl) methyl methyl phosphonic acid ester P-oxide or methyl- bis(5-ethyl-2-methyl-1,3,2-dioxaphorinan-5yl) phosphonic acid ester P, P'-dioxide or a mixture thereof.